

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s):** Satoru Sawada, et al.**Examiner:** Christina O. Sherr**Serial No:** 09/457,842**Art Unit:** 3621**Filed:** December 9, 1999**Docket:** JP919980216US1 (12924)**For:** DATA CHARGING SYSTEM,
CONTENT GENERATOR, DATA
CHARGING APPARATUS, AND
DATA CHARGING METHOD**Dated:** March 20, 2003Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9 and 17-19, and add new Claims 20-23 set forth below.

20. (New) A data charging system according to Claim 1, wherein the content generator generates a digital watermark embedded in said contents.

21. (New) A data charging system according to Claim 20, wherein the content generator generates watermark information about the digital watermark and also embedded in said contents.

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